

Application No. 10/540,354  
Reply to Office Action of July 25, 2007

Docket No.: 209546-98123

### REMARKS

Claims 1-9 were pending in this application. By this paper, the specification has been amended. By this paper, claims 1, 2, 4 and 9 are amended, claims 7-8 are cancelled, and claims 10-12 are added. Accordingly, claims 1-6 and 9-12 are now pending. Favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested in light of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

#### I. The Specification

The Office Action objected to the specification due to new matter at paragraph [0009]. Applicant has cancelled the object-to subject matter at paragraph [0009]. Withdrawal of the objection to the specification is requested.

#### II. 35 U.S.C. § 112, First Paragraph

The Office Action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Applicant has cancelled limitations in claim 1 as well as claims 7-8. Applicant submits that the above amendment to claim 1 and the cancellation of claims 7-8 overcomes the rejection. Withdrawal of the rejection is requested.

#### III. 35 U.S.C. § 102(b)

The Office action rejected claims 1-9 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over EP0995568A1. In light of the amendments to the claims and the following remarks, the rejection is respectfully traversed.

Applicant has amended claim 1 to further define the claimed method. It is submitted that the claimed method, as amended in claim 1, is not anticipated by the art of record. Claims 2-6 and 9 depend from claim 1 and include patentable subject matter. Withdrawal of the rejection to claims 1-6 and 9 is hereby requested.

#### IV. New Claims

Applicant has added new claims 10-12. Claims 10-12 are supported by the originally-filed specification. Applicant submits that the art or record does not anticipate new claims 10-12. Allowance of claims 10-12 is hereby requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, Applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Applicant believes no fee is due with this response. However, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 50-3145, under Order No. 209546-98123 from which the undersigned is authorized to draw.

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